



# REHOBOTH

## Bristol County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Rehoboth is an historic pastoral community in Bristol County incorporated in 1745. The town never had a large amount of agricultural land because of its extended marshy terrain and hills, but there was always good fishing on the Palmer River and an annual herring run provided abundant food. The first settlement of the town was about 1652 on the southern portion of the river. The colony suffered a good deal of damage in the King Philip war but the earliest house in town, Kingsley House, built 1680, still remains a part of the town. By 1704 there was an iron forge in town and by 1714 the Goff Inn was handling travelers coming through on the stage to Taunton, Providence or Newport, Rhode Island. Sawmills were established in 1747 and the primarily agricultural economy was supplemented in 1809 by the opening of two cotton yarn mills at Rehoboth Center. One of these is thought to be the first to spin very fine cotton yarn. In the Perryville section of town, historians conjecture that Era Perry was the first in the country to manufacture bobbins for the area's cotton factories about 1850. The 325 farms of the town grew Indian corn and potatoes and fattened beef cattle. Rehoboth retains dozens of Colonial and Federal houses and cottages and there is a remarkably wide spread of historic houses and buildings preserved throughout the community.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Seekonk on the west, Attleboro and Norton on the north, Taunton and Dighton on the east, and Swansea on the southeast and south. Rehoboth is about 9 miles east of Taunton; 13 miles north of Fall River; 42 miles south of Boston; 10 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 186 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 46.78 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 46.50 sq. miles

**Population:** 8,656

**Density:** 186 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Taunton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.7"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Somerset, East Providence, Norton, Attleboro

## Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and  
Economic Development District

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Fall River



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 252-3758

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Secretary  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1645

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	5,159		
Democrats	785	15.2	%
Republicans	1,081	21.0	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,292	63.8	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Rehoboth town, Bristol County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	10,172	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	10,172	100.0
Male.....	5,040	49.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	51	0.5
Female.....	5,132	50.5	Mexican.....	6	0.1
Under 5 years.....	602	5.9	Puerto Rican.....	18	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	731	7.2	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	863	8.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	26	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	692	6.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,121	99.5
20 to 24 years.....	400	3.9	White alone.....	9,899	97.3
25 to 34 years.....	1,021	10.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,986	19.5	Total population.....	10,172	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,837	18.1	In households.....	10,172	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	648	6.4	Householder.....	3,523	34.6
60 to 64 years.....	379	3.7	Spouse.....	2,496	24.5
65 to 74 years.....	597	5.9	Child.....	3,349	32.9
75 to 84 years.....	317	3.1	Own child under 18 years.....	2,474	24.3
85 years and over.....	99	1.0	Other relatives.....	482	4.7
Median age (years).....	39.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	159	1.6
18 years and over.....	7,502	73.8	Nonrelatives.....	322	3.2
Male.....	3,658	36.0	Unmarried partner.....	166	1.6
Female.....	3,844	37.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	7,172	70.5	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	1,216	12.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	1,013	10.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	438	4.3	Total households.....	3,523	100.0
Female.....	575	5.7	Family households (families).....	2,872	81.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,332	37.8
One race.....	10,085	99.1	Married-couple family.....	2,496	70.8
White.....	9,938	97.7	With own children under 18 years.....	1,159	32.9
Black or African American.....	36	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	259	7.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	31	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	121	3.4
Asian.....	53	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	651	18.5
Asian Indian.....	12	0.1	Householder living alone.....	495	14.1
Chinese.....	12	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	177	5.0
Filipino.....	6	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,443	41.0
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	721	20.5
Korean.....	15	0.1	Average household size.....	2.89	(X)
Vietnamese.....	2	-	Average family size.....	3.20	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	5	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	3,597	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,523	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	74	2.1
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	9	0.3
Some other race.....	26	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	87	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.1	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	3,523	100.0
White.....	10,024	98.5	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,147	89.3
Black or African American.....	47	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	376	10.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	52	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.96	(X)
Asian.....	87	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.32	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	5	-			
Some other race.....	48	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The Taunton-Attleboro region, where Rehoboth is located, has excellent highway facilities. Interstate 495, especially well designed south of Boston, provides access to Interstate 90 to the northwest and to U.S. Route 6, the Mid-Cape Highway, to the southeast. Interstate 95 and the Fall River Expressway (State Route 24) provide access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 44 and State Route 118. U.S. Route 6 (the Cape Highway) and Interstate 195 cut across the southwest corner of Rehoboth and are easily accessible in the neighboring town of Swansea.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available from Attleboro Station in the adjacent town of Attleboro. Travel time to BBS: 35-48 min.; 781

### Bus

Rehoboth is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled.

### Other

The Taunton Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is located 3 mi. E of the city. It has a 3,496'x 75' asphalt runway and a 2,350'x 150' gravel runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Green Airport is also easily accessible in nearby Providence, RI.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



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# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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